

Ocotillo Wells Weekend Events Schedule

All programs meet at the Ocotillo Wells Ranger Station unless otherwise noted.

Friday, February 13th

10:00 am 4-Wheel Drive Auto Tour

Park Interpreter Jeff Price will take you on an off-road journey that you will never forget! Visit the “Hidden Gems” of Ocotillo Wells in this 4-hour tour that will visit some of the park’s most interesting features.

This tour meets at the Ocotillo Wells Ranger Station and is limited to 10 vehicles. So please sign up for this tour at the OW Ranger Station front desk or by calling (760) 767-5393. Please come prepared for this excursion with a high clearance 4wd vehicle, plenty of water, lunch, and most important, a sense of adventure.

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Night Sky Adventure

Join us at the Ranger Station any time between 6 pm and 8 pm for an incredible look at the night sky. Park Interpreter and amateur astronomer Charlie Eversole will wow you with views of moon, its craters and lunar seas, stars, and planets. Wear warm clothing and be prepared to roast marshmallows at this wonderful family event.

Saturday, February 14th

8:00 am to 10:00 am Coffee with the Naturalist

Join our Park Naturalist for a steaming cup of fresh-brewed coffee or cup of hot chocolate before you head out on the trail! Stop by the Ranger Station to enjoy a hot beverage, great conversation and to find out what excellent interpretive programs will be offered throughout the day.

9:30 am Wildflower Hike

Come and join Park Interpreter Carleen Roberts for a short 1-hour guided walk through the desert in search of one of nature's greatest gifts, desert wildflowers.

10:00 am Jr. Ranger Program

Let Park Interpreter Andy Fitzpatrick take your kids on a fun and educational journey into one of the many facets of the park. From animals to plants to geology and weather, the topics will change weekly so there is always something new and exciting. This program is for kids ages 7 to 12.

10:00 am Freeman Property Auto Tour

Join NAI Interpreter Roger Riolo to discover some of the unnoticed wonders of Grave Wash. Join us as we caravan the length of this often overlooked wash. Highlights include a look at our volatile geologic past, short walks through hidden side canyons, as well as a closer look at some of the residents who share this recreational wonderland with us. This is sure to be an entertaining fun trip for the entire family. Meet at Holly Road on Highway S-22; approximately 3.5 miles west of Highway 86.

11:00 am to 4:00 pm Live Animal Exhibit

Join us at the Ranger Station any time between 11 am and 4 pm for an intimate look into the lives of some of Ocotillo Wells year-round residents!

1:00 pm Jr. Ranger Program

Join Park Interpreter Carleen Roberts to make "Desert Valentines" for all your loved ones. This program is for kids ages 7 to 12.

7:00 pm Giants of the Desert Campfire Program

Take a journey into the lives of some of our "Giants of the Desert" with Park Naturalist Jeff Price. This wonderful traditional campfire program will include games, songs and a PowerPoint program as well as live animals! Bring a blanket, chair, warm clothing, and a mug for hot chocolate! This program will be held in front of the Ranger Station.

Sunday, February 15th

9:00 am Wildflower Hike

Come and join Park Interpreter Carleen Roberts for a short 1-hour guided walk through the desert in search of one of nature's greatest gifts, desert wildflowers.

11:00 am to 4:00 pm Live Animal Exhibit

Join us at the Ocotillo Wells Ranger Station any time between 11 am and 4 pm for an intimate look into the lives of some of our year-round residents.

1:00 pm Jr. Ranger Program

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Monday, February 16th

1:00 pm Jr. Ranger Program

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